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reference of their disputes to any of these bodies, so that neither the labour nor the employer have referred the disputes to the Government, but still the Government have on their own accord referred them to these bodies? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir. When the Government feel the necessity for such an enquiry, they do constitute *suo motu* an enquiry, as already stated."

Quantity of yarn (80 counts) imported from foreign countries.

* 80 Q.—SRI M. K. SUNDARARAMA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the quantity of yarn up to 80 counts imported from foreign countries for the past six months, (i) grey yarn, (ii) bleached yarn and (iii) coloured yarn; and their respective imported cost prices;

(*b*) whether the prices for such imported yarn were 50 to 75 per cent over the controlled ruling rates of the yarn produced by the mills in our Province;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that such high rates for imported yarn will not in anyway help the handloom industry since the cost price of the handloom cloth produced by such yarn will naturally be high :

(*d*) whether the Government are aware that as soon as the system of ration cards was abolished, the retail dealers began to sell yarn to consumers on condition that along with Indian mills yarn at controlled rates they must take some quantity of imported yarn which they were unwilling to take on account of their high prices;

(*e*) if the answer to clause (*d*) is in the affirmative, what steps the Government have taken to avoid such dealings; and

(*f*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to avoid such importation of foreign yarn (grey, bleached or coloured) in order to keep up the prices of handloom products within easy reach of all the consuming public?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) The quantity of yarn up to 80 counts imported from foreign countries from June to December 1947 is shown below :—

	LB.
Grey	169,227½
Bleached	14,739
Dyed	24,020

The average prices for these six months are given below. The rates are for a bundle of 5 lb. :—

Counts.	Grey.			Bleached.			Dyed.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
60s	27	14	2	31	11	5	35	1	6
70s	31	10	0	33	11	5		..	
80s	31	11	5	33	9	2	41	4	0

Similar details from January 1948 are not available.

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"(b) The answer is in the affirmative.

"(c) The Government do not think so. The selling price of handloom cloth at present is high enough to absorb the difference in price between Indian and imported yarn and still leave a profit to the producer.

"(d) No complaint has been received by the Government in this regard.

"(e) The question does not arise.

"(f) There is no such proposal before this Government. I may add for the information of the hon. Member that regulation of imports concerns the Central Government."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by Member.]

II.—DISCUSSION ON THE DRAFT CONSTITUTION OF INDIA.

* DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Mr. President, on behalf of those sitting on this side, I suggest that the House may rise at 4-30 to-day as we have a function to attend. We are, however, quite ready to meet in the evening on Monday at about 5-30 and go on till about 8 o'clock and finish the discussion. I hope the arrangement will be convenient to many and you will allow us to do so."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"Mr. President, I have absolutely no objection. The other House will rise at 5 o'clock on Monday and at half past five, we can resume the discussion. I would like to make a personal request to the House to conclude the discussion on Monday at 8 o'clock at the latest because I have got to leave for New Delhi early next morning. I hope the House can certainly try to finish the discussion on that day.

"An alternative suggestion was in my mind. The Constituent Assembly is not going to meet till July and there may be nothing lost if you take the whole discussion at a later stage. The Assembly, however, in the meanwhile will discuss it for three days. There will be a big interval after that and if we begin later, things would have cooled down and would get stale. As a member of this House I would certainly like precedence in anything being given to this House and discussion proceeded with here as scheduled. Considered from all aspects Dr. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar's suggestion seems to be quite advantageous and acceptable. If the House accepts, I have no objection."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR:—"Mr. President, I understood the Hon. the Leader of the House to say that everything would become stale if discussions are started first on this subject in the other House. Certainly as a House of Elders, I am sure, Sir, the House will bring several new facts to light, which the Assembly may not have done."

MR. PRESIDENT:—"Does the hon. Member want to have the discussion on the 29th of this month or sometime later."